



September 2018

Message from Mrs Anwar-Bleem

I would like to welcome back all children, parents and staff to what will be a very exciting academic year. I would also like to formally welcome our new members of staff to our team, Miss Raanan (Yr6), Miss Beal (Yr1), Mrs Bano (Reception) & Mr Ellis (Yr3).

The children have made an amazing start and look fantastic in their new uniforms. Work within the class is well underway and books are already looking impressive. You will be able to see the learning environment and the children's work when you join us for open days and parent consultations. Please see diary dates for details.

As always, you are more than welcome to discuss any aspect of school life directly with myself. I run two weekly drop-in sessions on a Tuesday afternoon (3-4pm) and Friday morning (9-10am).

I can also be contacted through the school email and via the office.

With your support and cooperation we are looking forward to a successful year.



Welcome Back!

School Ping

Iqra Academy are pleased to announce that our new school-to-parent communication system, SchoolPing, is ready to use. Children will be coming home with log in details this week. SchoolPing is a free to download app which allows you to receive instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are. This will be the way in which we send out letters regarding trips and events and notify parents of school closures etc. If you require help downloading the app, please come along to our training session on Thursday 27th September at 9.00am.



ParentPay

Our online cashless system was rolled out over a year ago. Now all monies for school trips, breakfast club, dinner money, milk and all other activities will be collected through ParentPay. If you need any help setting up or using ParentPay please come along to our training session on Friday 28th September at 9.00am.



Bikeability

Year 5 will be taking part in Bikeability sessions on 8th, 9th & 10th October. This programme is aimed to teach children how to ride a bike safely. We are sure the children will enjoy these sessions and learn new skills. All bikes will be provided.

New Sporting Activities in PE

This year we are introducing new sports into PE, these include Fencing, Archery and Skating!



Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

All secondary school application packs were sent home at the beginning of the term. Please ensure you complete your child's choices before the deadline 31st October 2018 or they may miss out on their preferred school. If you need any help completing the form online, please come along to our session on Tuesday 9th October at 9.00am. This will be held in our ICT suite.

Upcoming Trips and Residential

Teachers are busy planning exciting and educational trips for the pupils this year. Year 3 will be having their residential trip to Scarborough. Year 3 and Year 4 are visiting Bolton Abbey in October. Details of other trips will be provided shortly. As always trips are heavily subsidised by school but without your contributions they would be unable to go ahead. Thank you for your support.



Award Winners

Already within just a few weeks we have lots of children who have shown great work. A special mention to:

Khadijah and Aqsa (Nursery) who have been brilliant role models, by showing others how to tidy up, being good friends and helping others settle into nursery.

Falak (Purple Class) for being helpful in class and a great friend.

Mohammad Danyal (2T) who has been working really hard to improve his writing and presentation.

Areasha (1B) for improved confidence in her writing.

Mohammad Musa (3DB) for fantastic improvement in presentation of his written work.

Isa (4C) wrote a brilliant riddle using figurative language.

Ali (5O) has started the year with a fantastic attitude to learning and is determined to make good progress.

Aizah (6W) has been trying extremely hard in all her academic studies.

Well done!



Harvest Donations

By way of helping those less fortunate than ourselves we are asking for food donations to be brought to school until Friday 5th October. A special Harvest assembly will be held on Wednesday 26th September.

The donations will be made up into food hampers and distributed throughout our community.

Donations which are of particular use are: tins of soup, pasta sauces, rice, tins of vegetables, tea, coffee or hot chocolate, tins of fish, sugar, cereals, tins of puddings, pasta, biscuits, jams and tins of fruit. Please do not send in fruit or food which will go off quickly.

NHS 70th Anniversary Celebrations

The National Health Service turned 70 on 5 July 2018! To join in their year long celebration and to raise vital funds for the NHS, children and staff are invited to wear something blue (blue jeans/blue jumper) Friday 19th October. We are kindly asking for a donation of £1 for the NHS 'Wear Something Blue Day'.

All monies will be donated to B.R.I Children and Special Care Baby Fund.

Thank you for your support.



Important Diary Dates

Thursday 27 th September	SchoolPing training session (9am)
Friday 28 th September	ParentPay training session (9am)
Monday 1 st October	Class 1H open morning (9am – 10am)
Tuesday 2 nd October	Class 1B open morning (9am – 10am)
Tuesday 2 nd October	Class 3DB open afternoon (2.30pm – 3.20pm)
Wednesday 3 rd October	Class 1K open morning (9am – 10am)
Wednesday 3 rd October	Class 3GK open afternoon (2.30pm – 3.20pm)
Thursday 4 th October	Class 3H open afternoon (2.30pm – 3.20pm)
Monday 8 th October	Class 2S open morning (9am – 10am)
Monday 8 th , Tuesday 9 th & Wednesday 10 th October	Bikeability Year 5
Tuesday 9 th October	Classes 4C & 4N trip to Bolton Abbey
Tuesday 9 th October	Class 2T open morning (9am – 10am)
Tuesday 9 th October	Year 6 secondary school application session (9am)
Wednesday 10 th October	Classes 4A & 3DB trip to Bolton Abbey
Wednesday 10 th October	Class 2A open morning (9am – 10am)
Friday 12 th October	Classes 3H & 3GK trip to Bolton Abbey
Wednesday 17 th October	Year 1 parents Phonics meeting (9.10am)
Friday 19 th October	Year 6 SATs information session (9am)
Friday 19 th October	School closes for half term at 3.30pm